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OF THE

Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

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A T T H E A N G L O C A N A D I A N O F F I C E .  
1855.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

QUEBEC, August 4th, 1854.

SIR,—I am commanded by the Governor General to inform you that His Excellency has received a dispatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, stating that he has laid before the Queen, the Petition of the Members of the Canadian Yacht Club, praying that Her Majesty would be pleased to permit them to assume the style of "Royal" and that Her Majesty was graciously pleased to comply with their prayer.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

JOHN ETRICK, Esq.,

Secretary C. Y. C.,  
Toronto, C. W.,

Your most obedient Servant,

[Signed]

AUG. T. HAMILTON,  
Mil. Sec'y.

# OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1855.

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**Patron :**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

**Commodore :**

MAJOR MAGRATH.

**Vice Commodore :**

JOHN ETRICK, Esq.

**Captain :**

JOHN M. HAMILTON, Esq.

**Secretary and Treasurer :**

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NAMES OF THE MEMBERS  
OF THE  
Royal Canadian Yacht Club,

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR 1855.

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A  
Armstrong Wm.  
Arnold John  
Auchinleck  
Allan G. W.  
B  
Barron F. W.  
Birchall S.  
Boulton John  
Bowes J. G.  
Buller Edward  
Burrows J.  
Bethune Dr.  
Boomer A. V.  
Boulton D'Arcy  
C  
Cameron John  
Campbell W. A.  
Carruthers F. F.

Castles H. T.  
Cayley Hon. W.  
E. C  
Copeland W.  
Cayley Francis  
Cosens Sidney  
Chewett A. C.  
D  
Draper G.  
Duggan G.  
Duggan John  
Dartnell George  
Dickson Wm.  
Dennison R. B.  
E  
Elmsley Hon. J.  
Ettrick John  
Evans G.  
Ewart John

Ewart G.  
F  
Fellowes W. H.  
Fitzgibbon Chas.  
Flanagan W.  
Fitzgerald W.  
G  
Gildersleive O. S.  
Green S. T.  
Grimshaw  
Goring  
H  
Hamilton J. M.  
Hallowell J.  
Hallowell Dr.  
Harnan S. B.  
Hayes B.  
Hayes M. P.  
Heath Chas.

Helliwell J.  
 Henderson J.  
 Heward A. W.  
 Heward S.  
 Heward J. O.  
 Hodder Dr.  
 Herrick Dr.  
 Hope H.  
 Hutchinson Jas.  
 J  
 Jarvis S. P.  
 Jarvis W. B.  
 Jones Chas.  
 Jones E. C.  
 Jones J. B.  
 Jones F.  
 Jarvis G. M.  
 K  
 Kennedy R.  
 L  
 Lett S. Revd.  
 Lowe F. C.  
 Loscombe R.  
 Magrath Major

Major John  
 McDonald  
 McLean A.  
 Morris Hon. J.  
 Morrison A.  
 N  
 Nickinson John  
 Nash J. R.  
 O  
 O'Brien E. G.  
 O'Brien Luc.  
 Ord L. W.  
 P  
 Parker  
 Perkins C.  
 Perrin W. L.  
 Piper  
 Price H. W.  
 Pardey H. W.  
 Philpotts G. A.  
 R  
 Rees Dr.  
 Read G.  
 Ridout P. G.

Richardson Dr.  
 Robertson T. J.  
 Robinson J. B.  
 Robinson Chris.  
 Raikes H.  
 S  
 Scholefield C. K.  
 Scott C. J.  
 Sherwood Samuel  
 Shanley Walter  
 Shortis E.  
 Shortis T.  
 Strachan J. M.  
 St. George H. Q.  
 T  
 Tully Kivas  
 W  
 Weatherly Capt.  
 Wakefield W.  
 Wakefield W. J.  
 Widder E.  
 Wells R.  
 Wyllie G. B.  
 Widmer C. R.

DAYS OF SAILING FOR THE SEASON,  
&c. &c. &c.

Club No.	Days of Sailing.	Names of Yachts.	Owners.	Length		Beam.		Ton'ge.
				ft.	in.	ft.	in.	
1	19th May	Prima Donna	Wells	28	8	10	0	10
2	26th May	Cygnat	Dr Hodder	29	6	8	5½	8
3	2nd June	Osprey	Green	31	8	8	6	9
4	9th June	Challenge	Arnold	35	7	11	7	17½
5	16th June	Lone Star	Pardey	20	0	7	0	3
6	23rd June	Iroquois	Com. Major Magrath	43	0	14	2	45
7	30th June	Queen	Barron	27	3	8	2	7
8	7th July	Mischief	Heath	34	11	10	5	13
9	14th July	Rosa	Cameron	23	4	7	6	5
10	21st July	Rivet	Captain (Hamilton)	41	0	9	8	16
11	23th July	Wave	Robertson	26	0	8	1½	6½
12	4th August	Jenny Lind	Sherwood	34	6	10	5	14
13	11th Aug.	Ariel	Reid	18	6	6	6	3
14	18th Aug.	Odin	Price	23	2	7	3	4½
15	25th Aug.	Fairy	Tully	21	4	7	2	4
16	1st Sept.	Nora Creina	Com. Major (Magrath)	36	6	8	9	10
17	8th Sept.	Undine	Ewart	29	3	8	9	8½
18	15th Sept.	Coralie	Vice Com Mr Ettrick	19	11	7	3	3½
19	22nd Sept.	Storm Queen	F. Jones	25	4	8	1	6

## L A W S   A N D   R E G U L A T I O N S .



RULE 1. The object of this Club being the encouragement of Yacht and Boat Sailing in the anadian Waters : IT IS ENACTED, That the proceeds of the Club (after paying the necessary current expenses) be appropriated to the purpose of purchasing Cups to be sailed for by Yachts the property of members only under the sailing regulations of the Club.

2. That the officers of the Club consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Captain, Secretary and Treasurer. That all officers shall be elected in the first Monday in March and take office on the first Monday in April following : They shall be ex-officio members of all Committees : Shall be owners of Boats with standing rigging and shall reside in Toronto during the sailing season.

3. That any gentleman wishing to become a member of the Club shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member at a regular meeting and that his name, address and profession, with the name of his proposer and seconder, shall be written and hung up in the Club Room at least TEN days before the next meeting, when he shall be balloted for, And that no gentleman under the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible for membership. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary and shall pay all arrears due by him up to the date of such notice.

4. That all officers of the Navy on actual service, All members of Royal Yacht Clubs, All officers of United States Yacht Clubs shall be admissible as visitors to all the ordinary privileges of the Club for a period of three months, and upon their being introduced by a member of the Club. That Capt. Richardson shall be an honorary member of the Club during life, And that honorary members may be elected in the manner in which ordinary members are elected.

5. That all members shall be elected by ballot. That one black-ball out of five shall exclude, And that no gentleman shall be eligible for election during the current year if black-balled twice. That the Club shall have power to expel any member by ballot at a regular meeting, notice of which motion shall be given in circulars convening that meeting, and that the majority be at least in the proportion of three to two to expel any such member.

6. That every gentleman on becoming a member of the Club shall pay an Entrance-fee of 10s and an annual subscription of 20s, non-residents excepted, whose subscription shall be 10s., and that in both cases the proposer and seconder shall be liable for the Entrance and Subscription fees, for one year. All subscriptions shall be due on the first Monday in May, and if not paid within one month from that date the defaulter shall be struck off on motion made to that effect, but any member elected between the first Monday in October and the third Monday in April shall not be called on to pay a second subscription until the second May following.

7. That the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Captain, Secretary and Treasurer be elected by ballot as follows : All nominations for these offices shall be made at a meeting on the First Monday in February, when any members present shall



he at liberty to nominate one individual for each of the said offices, which offices shall be separately balloted for, a correct list of these nominations shall be hung up in the Club Room at least ten days preceding the election ; and that the election shall take place on the First Monday in March following : And the night of election each member present shall be furnished with a copy of each list separately for each office, and having previously erased the names of those whom he rejects shall hand his list to the scrutineers previously appointed by the Chairman, who having carefully examined the lists shall report the respective names and numbers of votes to the Chairman, who shall announce the election of the person supported by the most numerous votes. In the event of there not being a quorum at the meeting for nomination the same course shall be pursued at the next general meeting. Any officer resigning, notice to be given, and nomination to take place at the next meeting following ballot, according to above rule.

8. That no member shall be allowed to take part in any proceeding of the Club, or vote on any subject connected therewith, until he shall have paid in his Subscription, and all other sums which may be due to the Club by him ; also, That no yacht, or boat, whose owner or owners, or either of them shall be in any way indebted to the Club, be allowed to enter or sail in any Club Match ; and should she do so, shall forfeit all claim to the prize.

9. That Members shall meet on the first and every alternate Monday of every month, at eight o'clock, P. M., at such place as shall be agreed upon ; and that the Secretary shall summon a special meeting on receiving directions from the Commodore, or in his absence, from the Vice-Commodore, or Captain, or on a requisition signed by not less than five Members. In all such cases there must

be at least *three* clear days' notice of meeting. That nine members shall form a quorum ; that the Commodore, or in the case of absence, the Vice-Commodore, or Captain, shall take the chair at all Club Meetings, and in the absence of these officers it shall be imperative on the Member elected by those present to take the chair.

10. That the Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Club, and that the minutes of each preceding meeting shall be read to the Club at the subsequent meeting, and signed by the chairman. That the Treasurer shall give receipts, shall open an account with a chartered Bank in Toronto, all checks on which shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by one of the officers of the Club.

11. That each Member be allowed to introduce a friend at the Club meetings, but the same person shall not be so introduced more than twice in the same season. That at each meeting the names of the members present shall be entered by the Secretary in a book kept for that purpose, and also the names of any visitors they may introduce.

12. The sailing Committee shall have full power in every thing connected with all Club races, both as to starting and deciding the same. They shall have full power to disqualify any boat from running in any one or more race or races during the season. Their decision shall be final. The Committee shall consist of five members, of whom three shall be a quorum : provided, that no owner or part-owner of a yacht engaged in any disputed match shall be allowed to sit in the Committee deciding on such.

13. That no proposition to alter any of the Club regulations shall be enter-

tained, except after a notice of motion to that effect at the previous meeting : That no proposition to suspend or alter any Club rule shall be entertained unless a motion to that effect shall be made at a general meeting, and hung up in the Club Room a month before it be acted upon.

14. That a Finance Committee of Two, in addition to the *ex-officio* members, be appointed for examination and paying all accounts ; and that it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to hang up in the Club Room on the first day of every alternate month an account of the state of the Club finances up to that day, and that no sum exceeding £5 be expended at any meeting unless with the concurrence of the Financial Committee, except for the purchase of Club up.

15. That the boats of the Club assemble at 4 P. M., on every Saturday during the season (weather permitting) about five hundred yards off Maitland's Wharf, in the direction of Privat's Hotel, and sail thence to the Garrison Wharf, and back to the Queen's Wharf, under a leader, to be selected previously by lot, which lots shall be drawn in the second meeting in April (owners of Club-boats to draw first). All boats to keep astern of the leader until they reach the Queen's Wharf on their return, when the leader may haul down his flag; and the other boats be at liberty to proceed according to pleasure. That on such occasions it shall be the duty of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Captain to use their utmost efforts to collect the other boats round that of the leader in the position already indicated. That the leader shall hoist at his peak, a flag not less than four feet square, consisting of four alternate squares of blue and white. That no Member of the Club be permitted to hoist this flag unless when leading, as above described.

16. That the first *meet* shall take place on the third Saturday in May of each season, and that the names of the successive leaders be previously determined by Lot. *Mem.*—Any Member prevented leading, to lose his turn, the lead then to devolve on the Senior Officer present, and the member so omitting to lead to be called upon on the next meeting at which he is present, by the Chairman, to explain the cause of such omission.

17. That any Member not being a boat-owner, shall be at liberty when it comes to his turn to lead, to hoist his flag in the boat of any member willing to accommodate him : boat-owners whose boats may be disabled or not ready, shall have the same privilege. That all members joining the lub after the list of leaders has been made out, shall lead in the order in which they enter ; boat-owners taking precedence.

18. That the Secretary shall draw out, and hang up in the Club Room for the inspection of Members, an accurate list of all the Club-boats, stating the name of the owner or owners, distinguishing flag, name of the boat and tonnage, according to the certificates furnished by the measuring officers, as hereinafter stated.

19. That with the view to avoid, as much as possible, all disputes or unpleasant feeling, arising occasionally from thoughtless or unseemly jesting ; also to prevent accidents from careless, or reckless steering, or malicious intent, whether on the part of hired hands or otherwise, all owners of Club-boats shall be accountable to the Club for the language and conduct of every individual in their respective boats ; and this rule shall be in force whether the owner shall be present or not.

20. Should any member sell his boat to a non-member, he shall communicate the fact in writing to the Secretary, and in the event of his introducing another boat to the Club, he shall pursue the same course, stating at the same time, the particulars of tonnage, &c., as already required ; and should he sell his boat or a share thereof to a member, he shall forward to the Secretary a certificate of the same, (signed also by the purchaser,) in the following form, viz :

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*I hereby certify that I have sold* \_\_\_\_\_  
*my boat, the* \_\_\_\_\_  
*rigged* \_\_\_\_\_ *tons, to*

\_\_\_\_\_

*and that the said sale is a bona-fide transaction.*

*(Signed)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A. B.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Seller.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *C. D.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Purchaser.*

That the Member registered with such boat in the Club-list shall be considered the owner thereof for all Club purposes, and held accountable until such certifi-

cate shall have been lodged with the Secretary. That all such notices, and certificates, be read by the Secretary to the Club at the next meeting.

21. That the Club-Flag shall be a Blue Burgee, with a white cross, a crown in the upper square and beaver in the lower—both yellow—and shall be hoisted at the mast-head. Pattern to be as follows :—Triangular—not less than four feet long by two feet six inches in the Luff. That with the view of assimilating the practice of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club to the usage of all other yacht-clubs, the boats of the Club when sailing in any organized meeting, shall be at liberty to hoist the following flags only ; viz : The Club Flag, the Distinguishing Flag, the Official Flag, and the Blue Ensign. That the Commodore's Flag shall be swallow-tailed, five feet long by two feet six inches—*Red* : the Vice-Commodore's Flag the same shape and dimensions—*White* : the Captain's do. do.—*Blue*.

22. That the Club uniform be a dark-blue jacket with club buttons, black cravat white vest, and white trousers.

23. That three Members of the Club shall be appointed to measure the Club Yachts and Boats, and that all such yachts and boats shall be measured by these appointed officers, (in presence of their respective owners, should they require it,) according to the following *Rule* : The length to be taken in a straight line on deck, from the fore part of the stem to the after part of the stern-post : the breadth to be taken in the broadest part of the boat, from the outside of the outside plank on one side, to the outside of the outside plank on the other side ; that the said breadth shall be deducted from the said length, and the remainder having been multiplied by the breadth, and then by half the breadth, and the product divided

by 94, the quotient so given shall be esteemed the just tonnage, which shall be rated by the next half-ton above any fraction that may occur in such quotient; any part of the stem or stern-post projecting beyond the length so taken, shall be added to such length.

24. That the Club boats be divided into three classes, viz: 3rd, or lowest class, open boats; 2nd class, boats of and under six tons; and 1st class, all boats above six tons. N. B.—Open boats measuring three tons or over, to be classed according to their tonnage. That no boat considered as a working boat, or that shall at any time be let out to hire, shall be allowed to belong to the Club.—That boats with slip keels and centre boards shall form a separate class.

25. That in all Club Matches, boats of a lower class shall be permitted to sail with the higher class, or classes, upon paying the additional entrance or entrances. That the usual entrance for all Club matches shall be the sum of five shillings for each boat, which must be paid to the Secretary at the Club-room, and the boat entered, on the evening of the day previous to the race. That no Club-race shall take place unless at least three boats are entered, and two start. That the winner in any Club race shall not be permitted to start for the next Club-race of that season. N. B.—Public Regattas, though got up by the Club, not to be considered Club-races within the limitation of this rule.

26. That all Protests shall be made in writing, to the Commodore, or whoever has been appointed to manage the race either before the start, or after the return of the boats, but within 48 hours of the time named for the start. That in the event of any Protest being declared by the Sailing Committee to be frivolous or

vexatious, the boat of the party making such Protest shall be declared ineligible to enter for the next Club Match.

27. That no Yacht or Boat, belonging to more than one owner be allowed to sail in any Club Match unless each and every owner of such yacht, or boat, be a member of the Club.

28. That all Club Matches shall be Time Matches,—one minute per ton being allowed over the Club course ; in other cases, the distance to be taken into consideration, and the time arranged by the Sailing Committee, in the above proportion.

29 That the Club shall have the power to *expel* any Member by ballot, at a regular meeting, *notice* of which shall be given in circulars convening the same ; and that the majority be at least in the proportion of three to two to expel such Member.



SAILING REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
ROYAL CANADIAN YACHT CLUB.

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**RULE 1.** That all Club Matches, and all Boats sailing therein, shall be under the direction of the Sailing Committee, or whomsoever they may appoint in case of the absence of the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore or Captain to act in his place,—such directions to be given in strict accordance with the Club regulations, and the individual doing such duty shall have the power of postponing any of the Matches in case of unfavourable weather. The Commodore or person appointed or acting in his place shall start the Boats, time them on their return, and name the winner.

2. That the station for each Boat at starting shall be :—No. 1. about 100 yards north of the eastern end of Privat's Wharf ; No. 2. about 50 yards north of No. 1. ; and so on, in succession ; the several stations to be marked by numbered buoys ; in the absence of buoys, the party appointed to start the Boats, shall place the Boats to the best of his judgment.

3. That the stations for all Boats entered for any Race be drawn for on the

evening of entry by the parties entering them, or in the event of absence, by the Secretary.

4. That all Yachts, or Boats, sailing in a Match, shall hoist their respective distinguishing Flags at the peak, which Flag shall be hauled down on board any Boat by which the Race is given up.

5. That all Yachts shall be moored at their stations within one quarter of an hour after *Signal for Stations* shall have been made by the Manager of the Race. That the *Signal for Stations* shall be made by the Manager of the Race by firing a gun at such place as he may deem most convenient. That the *Signal for Starting* shall be made in a similar manner. That the Boats at their Stations shall have their Head Sails completely down.

6. The usual course to be as follows :—Start from numbered buoys opposite Privat's Wharf, round the bar buoys, thence round a buoy in the Lake, at a reasonable distance south of Privat's Hotel, keeping all such buoys on the port-hand ; thence back, keeping the said buoys on the starboard-hand, and winning between the western end of Privat's Wharf and a buoy stationed north. That the Commodore, or, in case of absence, the Vice-Commodore, or Captain, and the Sailing ommittee, shall have the power to alter the above Course, (which altered course shall be announced at the time of drawing for places) in not more than two Matches of the season, unless permitted so to do by motion at a previous Club Meeting.

7. That no fore and aft rigged Boat be allowed while sailing in any of the Club Matches to carry a square sail, or any sail whatever, which is not the pro-

perty of her owner, and a portion of her regular equipments ; no booming out of head-sails will be allowed.

8. SAILS TO BE CARRIED ;—*Cutters*—Mainsail, Foresail, Jib, Gaff-top-sail and Jib-topsail. *Sloops*—Mainsail, Jib, Flying-jib, and Gaff-top-sail, and Jib-topsail. *Schooners*—Mainsail, Fore and Aft Foresail, Jib, Flying Jib, and two Gaff-Top-sails. [*Mem.*—A Full-rigged Square-Topsail Schooner is allowed to carry also, Square-Topsail, Topgallant-sail, and Royal.] All other Boats to carry the particular Sails with which they have been habitually equipped.

9. No Boat entering for any Race shall be permitted to add to, or remove ballast, from *noon* of the day preceding the Race up to the hour of starting ; and all ballast or crew, with which any boat starts, shall be brought back by that boat. [*Mem.*—Anchors and chain-cables shall be considered as ballast, within the limitation of this rule only.] The ballast of any Boat may be altered in position up to the moment of starting ; but, during the race, no shifting of ballast will be permitted.

10. No boat will be allowed to touch, either with her Hull or any portion of her Spars, Rigging or Sails, any buoy or other mark of the course. [*Mem.*—Wharves are included in this rule.]

11. Boats on the larboard tack are required to give way to those on the starboard. Boats going free must give way to those on a wind. No boat shall be permitted to cross another, either to windward or to leeward, to prevent the other from passing her.

12. In approaching, with a view to round any mark of the course, no Boat

coming up to another shall be permitted to attempt to pass between that other and the said mark, unless she can do so clearly ahead of that other, which shall not be thereby required to go out of her course to make room for the Boat so coming up. The Boat nearest to any buoy, or other mark of the course, which it is approaching, shall be esteemed the headmost Boat; and any Boat coming up to her must sail so as not to force the leading boat to touch such buoy, or mark, to avoid collision; and in the event of a breach of this rule, the boat so forced shall not incur any penalty. [*Mem.*—This rule applies also to boats approaching any wharf.]

13. Any Member wilfully fouling or attempting to foul the Boat of another, or any Boat in which any member shall be sailing, whether during a Race or Club Match, or in ordinary sailing, or wilfully causing any injury or damage to the Boat of any member, shall on the offence being proved to the satisfaction of the Sailing Committee be reported by them to the Club at the next general meeting and on such report being received, and adopted by the Club, be expelled according to the rules of the Club.

14. Every Boat sailing in any Club Match shall have a member of the Club on board, and that member shall be accountable for the fair sailing of such Boat.

15. That no sweeps or poles of any sort be made use of during a Race, to accelerate the speed of the Boat. That no other means of sounding than the lead-line be allowed; and that the lead used for such purpose shall not be of more than three pounds weight.

16. That any Boat which runs aground during a Match, &c., and is compelled

to make use of any other means than her sails is thereby disqualified from winning the race.

17. That no Boat shall receive on board any person or persons during a Race, over and above those with whom she started, unless she does so to save life.

18. If it be found that any buoy, or other mark of the course be not in its place, the Match shall be re-sailed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

19. Any Boat giving up her chance of the Race to save life, can demand that the Race be sailed again, and the Sailing Committee shall decide whether there was sufficient ground for her so doing ; but in such case, only that Boat, and the winning Boat shall start.

20. In the event of any Race having to be sailed, again, the Boats must start the second time with the same amount of ballast as at first, and with the same sails unaltered, unless when direct injury to any sail shall have rendered repairs unavoidable, and from the same Station. N. B.—This rule is not intended to affect the number of persons who may be admitted on board on either occasion.

21. That all Boats sailing in any of the Club Matches shall carry at least two efficient life-buoys of cork, not less than five lbs. each, and that any Boat sailing without these buoys be disqualified for running in any match.

22. *That all boats violating any of these regulations shall forfeit all claim to the Prize, in the Match during which such violation shall have occurred.*

TORONTO, May, 1855.

